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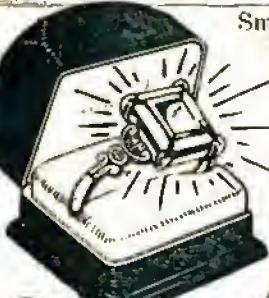


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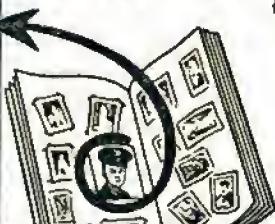
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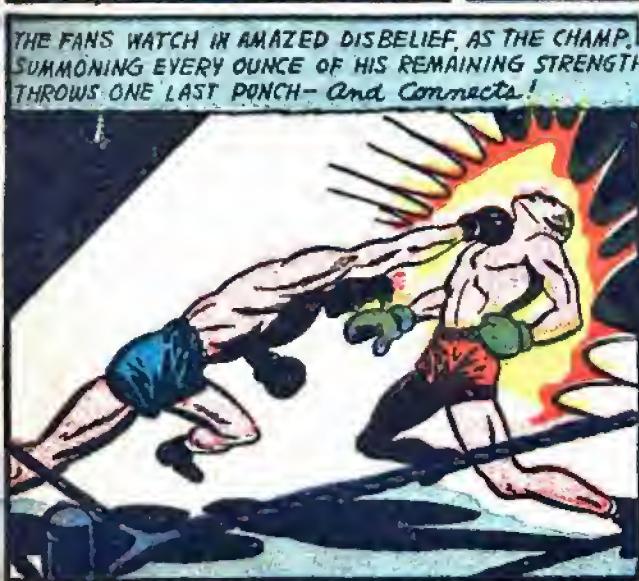
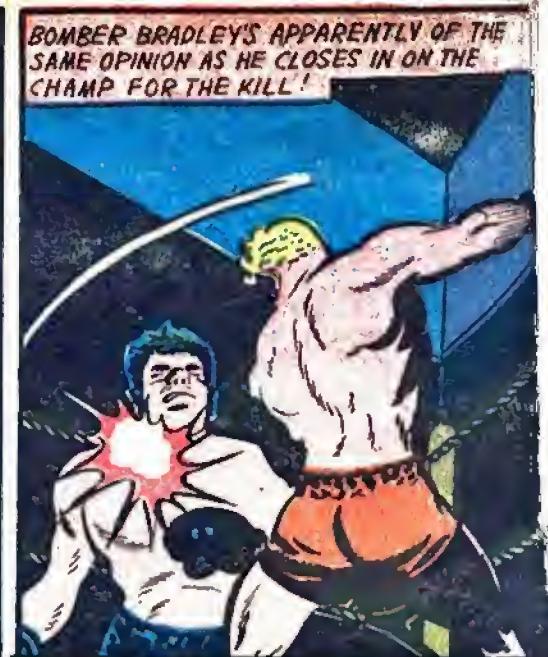
The Black Hood

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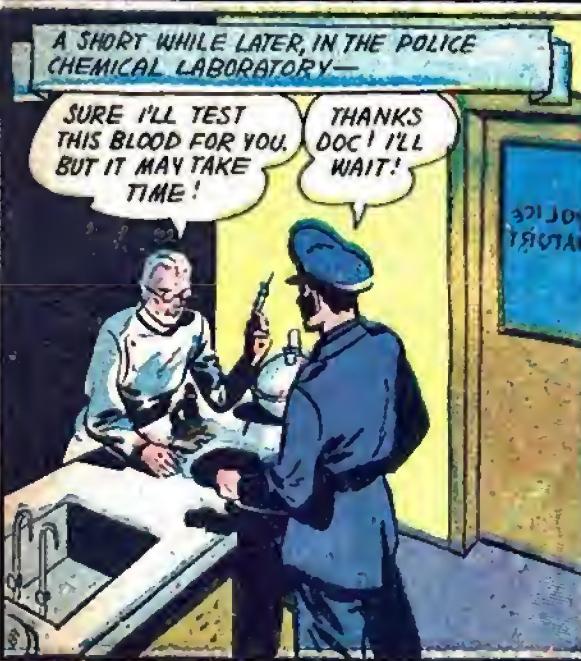
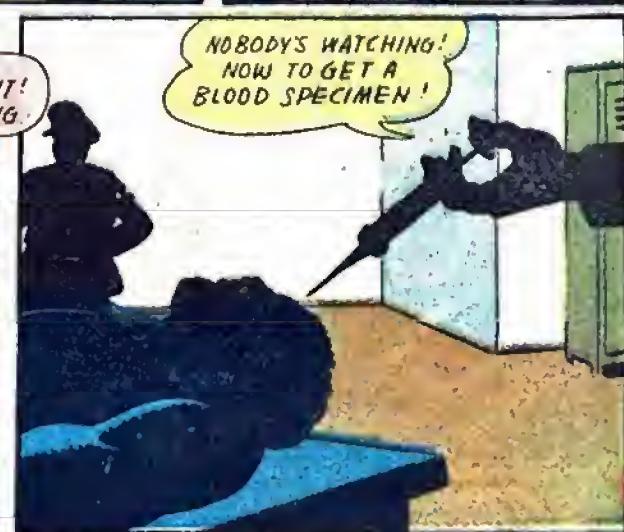
MAN
OF
MYSTERY

by
W. Norick















WHERE DO YA
THINK YOU'RE GOIN'?
I TOLD YA WE GOT
IMPORTANT BUSINESS.
DIDN'T I?

SNITCH! SOMETIMES
YOUSE ANNOY
ME!

OWOO...ME
EYES! I'M
BLIND!

THE NEXT FEW DAYS ARE VERY BUSY ONES FOR
BARBARA SUTTON AS SHE PUTS HER PLAN INTO EFFECT.

WHO DID YOU
SAY YOUR MAN-
AGER WAS
CHAMP?

I DIDN'T
SAY, BABE!

WON'T YOU TELL
ME MORE ABOUT
YOUR LAST FIGHT?
NOT NOW.
SOME
UDDER
TIME.
GLUG...
GLUG.

HELLO, KIP! NO LUCK
AGAIN TONIGHT! HE'S
TOUGHER TO CRACK
THAN I THOUGHT!

WELL, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO
TURN A REPORT IN AFTER
ALL. I'VE HELD IT UP TOO
LONG ALREADY!

WAIT, KIP!
I'VE GOT ONE
MORE ACE IN
THE HOLE!

AND IN CASE
IT WORKS IT MIGHT
BE A GOOD IDEA IF
THE BLACK HOOD
WERE AROUND!

HIYA KEED!
WHAT KEPT YOU
SO LONG! I THOUGHT
YA STOOD ME UP!

I AM, CHAMP! PERMAN-
ENTLY! - WE'RE
THROUGH!



HAW, HAW-
YER KIDDIN'!

NO, I'M NOT! I
THINK I'M WASTING
MY TIME WITH
YOU!

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE
GOING TO BE CHAMP MUCH
LONGER. YOU'RE GETTING
TOO OLD. YOU ALMOST GOT
LICKED BY BRADLEY! SO WHY
FOOL AROUND WITH A GUY
ON HIS WAY OUT!

WHO'S ON HIS WAY
OUT! LISTEN KID,
MARTY MALONE'S
A PRETTY SMART
MANAGER, SEE?
WIT HIM AROUND
I'M GONNA BE CHAMP
FOR A LONG TIME!

MARTY
MALONE! I
THOUGHT HE
WAS BRADLEY'S
MANAGER!

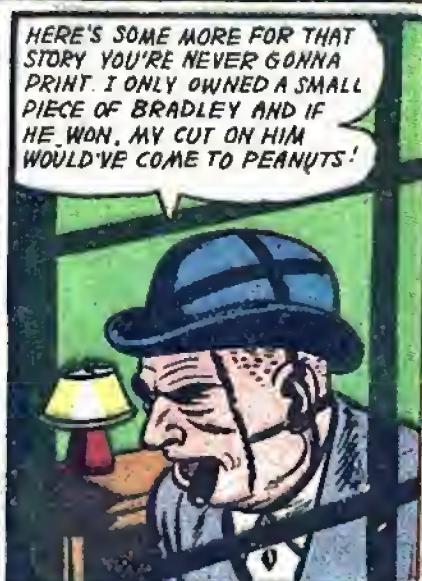


STRICTLY FOR DA
SUCKERS! WE GOT A
SECRET CONTRACT HE'LL
FIX ANYBODY DAT LOOKS
TOO GOOD - JUST LIKE
HE FIXED BRADLEY!

SO IF IT'S CHAMPS
YA LIKE, YA BETTER
STICK WIT' ME!

MAYBE I
BETTER AT
THAT!





FUNNY! I
COULDA SWORN
SOME BODY KNOCKED!



GULP.. DA
BLACK HOOD!



NEVER TURN YOUR
BACK ON A LADY,
SNITCH. IT'S NOT
POLITE -AND SOME-
TIMES IT'S PLAIN
DUMB!



GOOD GRIEF! THE RECORDING
MACHINE! IT WAS IN MY BAG!



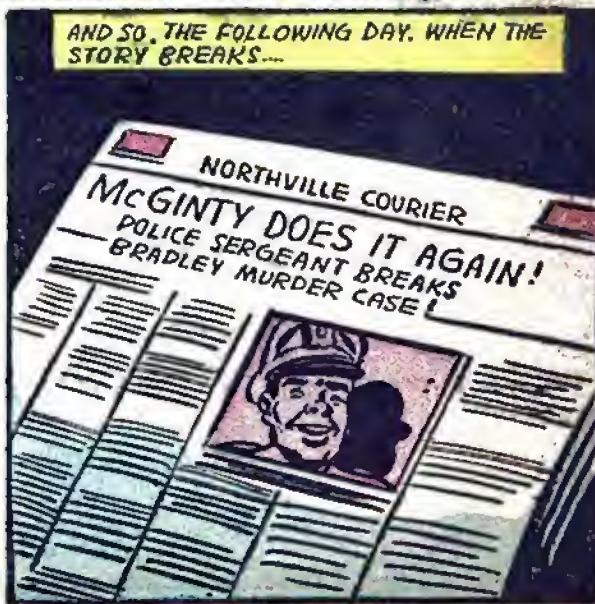
I... I CAN'T LOOK, HOOD!
I JUST KNOW I BROKE IT!
THE YEARS BEST STORY
AND THE EVIDENCE AGAINST
THESE KILLERS SHATTERED
IN A MILLION PIECES!





OKAY, YOU ASKED FOR IT, SUCKER! I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S DA CHAMP AND WHO'S DA CHUMP!

I'M WAITING TO BE SHOWN!



HOW ABOUT
A STATEMENT
FOR THE
PRESS, SARGE?

WELL, I DON'T
WANT ALL
THE CREDIT
BOYS!

AFTER ALL, PATROLMAN
BURLAND DID HELP!
I SUSPECTED THAT
GUY MALONE ALL
ALONG, SO I PUT KIP
ON HIS TRAIL. HE
BROUGHT 'EM IN OF
COURSE, BUT I'M THE
ONE BLA-BLA-BLA-BLA...

I THINK THIS IS
WHERE WE CAME
IN BABES!

SURE I HAVE A
RECORDING, BUT I
REALLY DON'T NEED
IT! WHEN I START
GRILLING 'EM, BLA-BLA...

GOT ANYTHING
ON YOUR SOCIAL
CALENDAR FOR
TONIGHT, BABES?
OR MUST I APPLY
TO THE LONELY
HEARTS CLUB?

I GUESS I CAN SPARE
YOU A DATE... WHICH
REMINDS ME, MY
EDITOR GAVE ME TWO
FREE TICKETS FOR
TONIGHT...

...TO A PRIZE
FIGHT!

HUH!

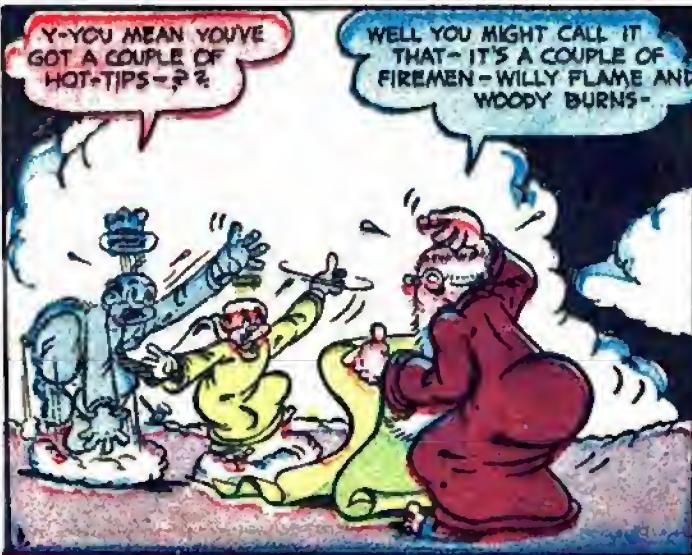
ER... SUPPOSE
WE JUST MAKE
IT A MOVIE!

GLOOMY GUS

THE HOMELESS GHOST

AND ME,
GABBY
HIS ANGELIC
SIDEKICK?

by
"RED"
HOLMDALE



THAT MUST BE THE
PLACE ACROSS
THE STREET!

I'M JUST WONDERING,
GUS, IF THIS JOB ISN'T
GOING TO BE A LITTLE
TOO HOT FOR US!

QUIT THROWING A WET BLANKET ON
THINGS - IT'LL BE A GOOD CHANCE TO
BRUSH UP ON OUR PINOCHLE GAME!
COME ON!

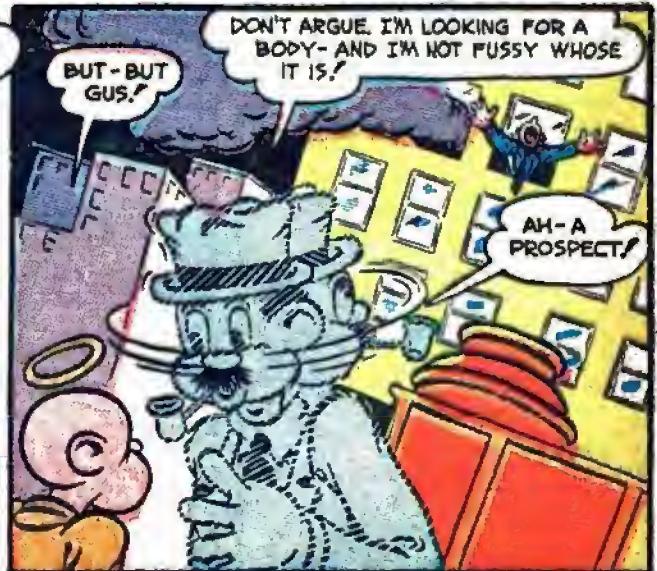
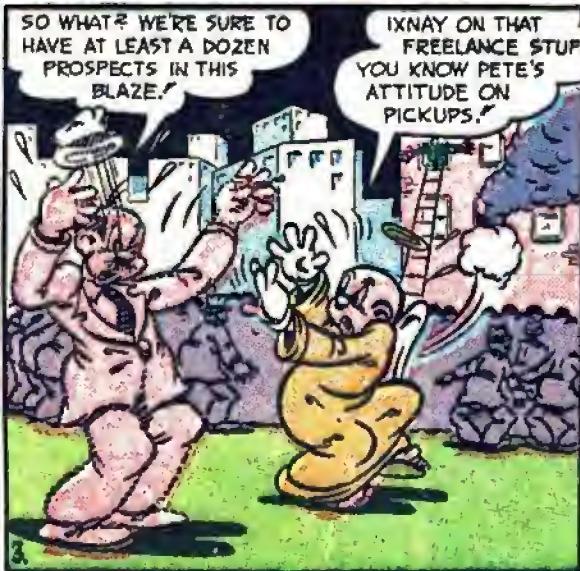
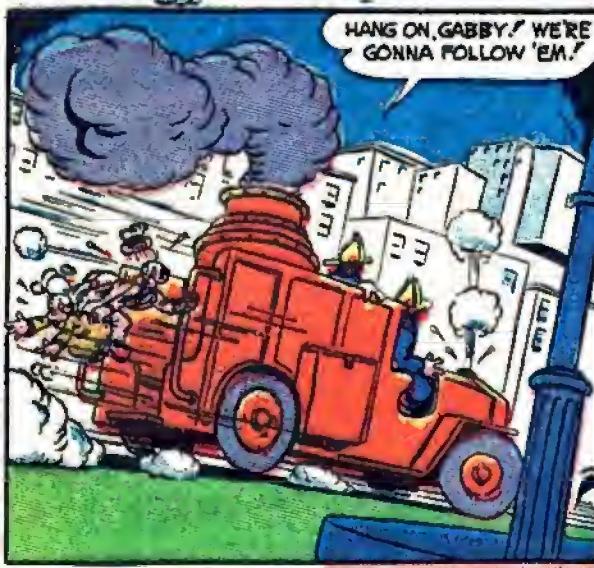
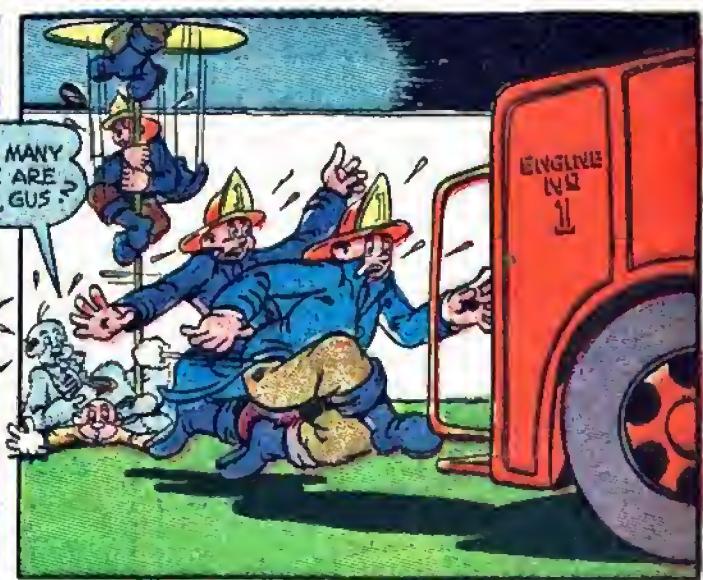
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be around, Gus!

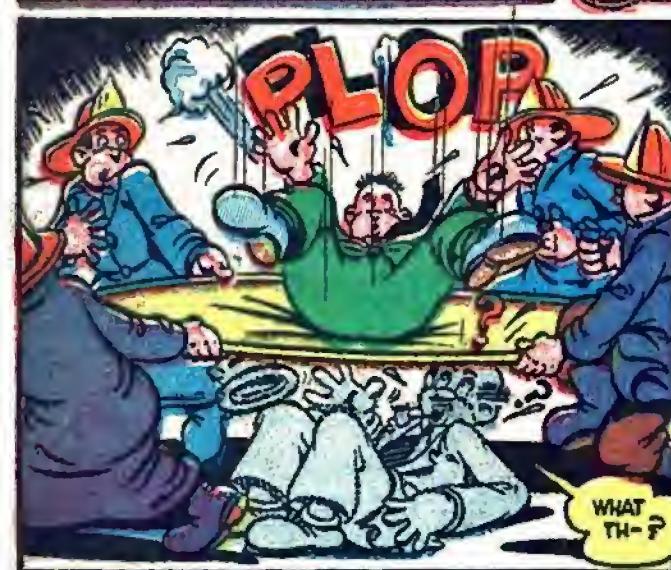
THEY'RE PROBABLY ALL UPSTAIRS - C'MON.
LET'S FIND THE GUYS PETE TOLD US
TO LOOK UP -

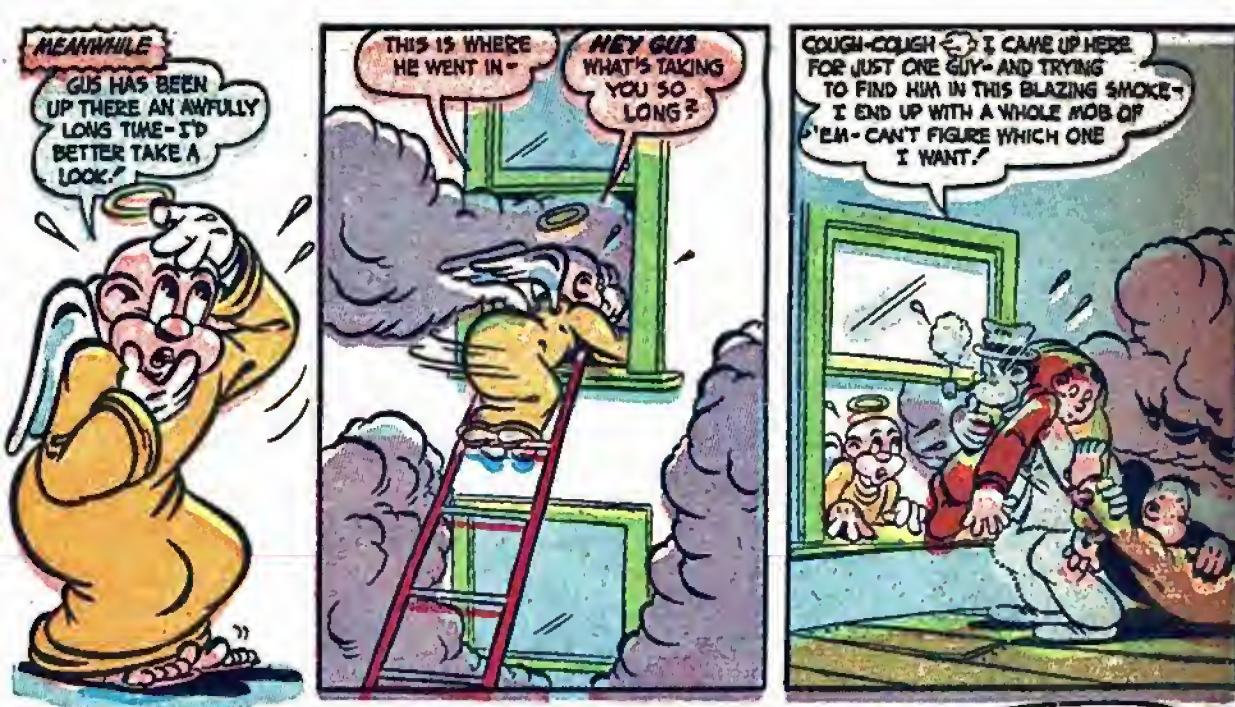
THERE MUST BE AN EASIER
WAY TO GET UP INTO
THIS JOINT!

HEY!
WHAT'S THAT
NOISE?

ULP...WE'RE
GOING THE WRONG
WAY ON A ONE-
WAY STREET!





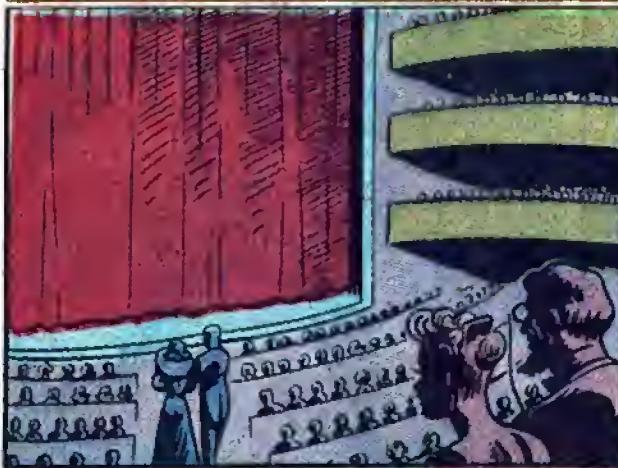


Black HOOD

THE BLACK HOOD AND THE CROW!
THE CURTAIN RISES ON THE OPERA AND
THE ACTORS ARE GOING THROUGH THEIR
ROLES-SUDENLY A DISCORDANT NOTE
PIERCES THE AIR, A DEATHLY BLACK
FORM LANCES ONTO THE STAGE AND
CROAKS AN ARIA OF "DEATH-THE
CROW STRIKES AGAIN!"



4 GALA NIGHT-THE DIAMOND HORSESHOE, SURGING WITH SOCIETY FOLKS, HERALDS THE OPENING PERFORMANCE OF THE NEW OPERA "LA SANDRA!"



BARBARA SUTTON INTRODUCES KIP TO THE PRODUCER OF THE OPERA!

I'M WORRIED-I THINK I MADE A MISTAKE BY CASTING PAGINI IN MY OPERA!

WHO'S PAGINI?



WHY, KIP-YOU KNOW LESS ABOUT OPERA THAN I THOUGHT! PAGINI USED TO HAVE THE GREATEST SINGING VOICE IN THE WORLD!

YES, NO-ONE WAS GREATER THAN PAGINI! I WANTED TO SEE HIM MAKE A COMEBACK, SO I GAVE HIM A SMALL ROLE IN THIS OPERA!



MEANWHILE, BACKSTAGE, PAGINI PREPARES FOR THE COMEBACK WITH A LITTLE "COUGH MEDICINE"-



CURSE IT! HERE COMES THAT SNOOPING SOPRANO-SHE'S ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT ME!



PLEASE DON'T DRINK ANY MORE, PAGINI! PLEASE-YOU WERE SUCH A GREAT SINGER, BEFORE YOU TOOK TO DRINKING AND -

WHAT DO YOU MEAN I WAS A GREAT SINGER? HIC-I- STILL AM-HIC-NO-ONE'S GREATER THAN PAGINI!



THE CURTAIN RISES AND--

PSST-YOU DRUNKEN FOOL!
GRAB HOLD OF YOURSELF--
IT'S YOUR CUE TO SING!



DRUNK AM I? WE'LL
SEE IF MY VOICE IS
KILLED-HIC-PAG-
G-GINI IS AS GREAT
AS HE EVER WAS!



OH-TRUE LOVE OF
MY LIFE-AWRRK-
AWRRK!!!

GREAT GHOSTS OF
CARUSO! HE'S SINGING
FLAT AS BARLEY
SOUP

HMM-IT
SOUNDS JUST
LIKE OPERA
DOES TO ME
ALL THE
TIME!

SOON THE FIRST ACT IS
MERCIFULLY OVER-

ISN'T IT AWFUL?
I CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT'S THE GREAT
PAGINI!

EVEN IN
THAT SMALL
PART, HE'S
RUINING THE
OPERA!



AND BEHIND THE CURTAIN-

WHAT'S THE MATTER
WITH THOSE FOOLS?
WHY DON'T THEY
APPLAUD
ME?

IM AS GOOD AS I EVER WAS--
HIC-WHO SAYS I'M NOT?-HIC--
ANSWER ME!



WHILE PAGINI RANTS ONSTAGE, THE PROPERTY MAN COLLECTS THE ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE NEXT ACT--



ACCIDENTALLY, HE TIPS OVER THE CAGE--



OUT FLIES A CROW--



WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER? WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY VOICE, NOW?



CAW!
CAW!



HASTILY, THE PROPERTY MAN HURRIES ONSTAGE TO RETRIEVE THE CROW--

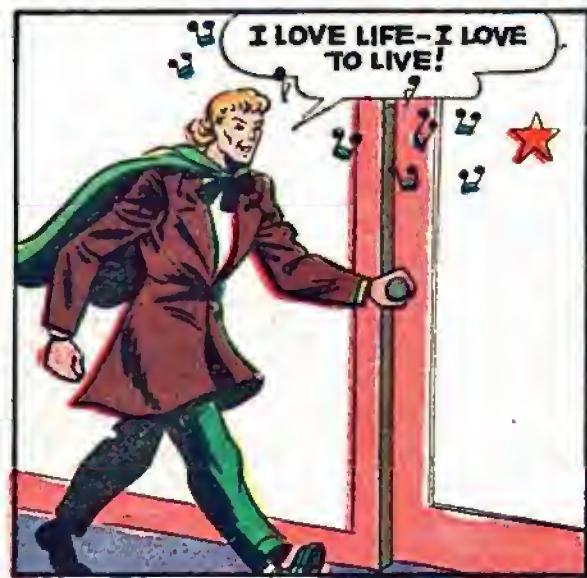


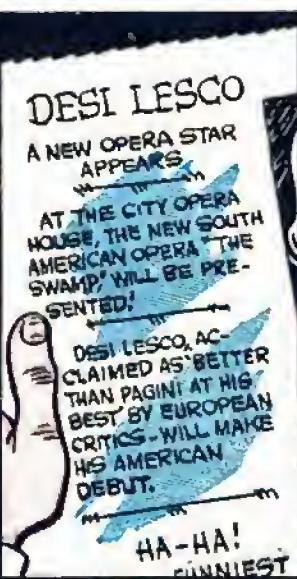
TAKE IT EASY, PAGINI! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

MOCK MY SINGING, WILL YOU? ME, THE GREAT PAGINI! YOU'LL MOCK THE WORMS IN YOUR GRAVE!

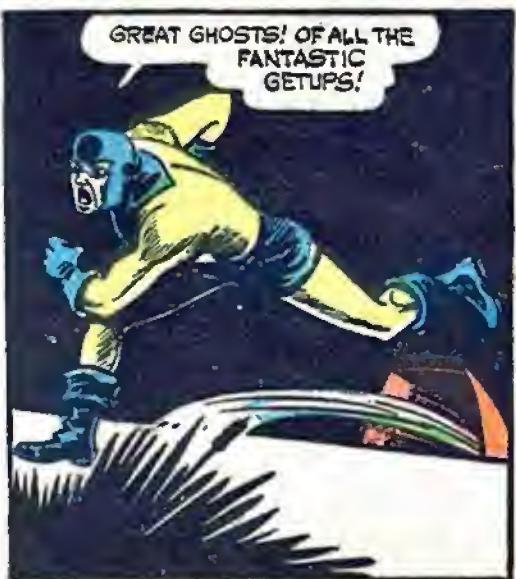








SO FAR, SO GOOD! I TALKED THE MANAGEMENT INTO CO-OPERATING WITH ME--NOW TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON THINGS!



BAD ARITHMETIC—
YOU DIDN'T COUNT
ON THIS, DID
YOU?

I KNOW THIS THEATRE TOO WELL—
HE CAN'T CATCH
ME NOW!

C'MON, BLACK HOOD—
I GOTTA S'PRISE
FOR YOU!

JUST A LITTLE CLOSER,
BLACK HOOD
AND---

WITH AMAZING SPEED, THE SPOTLIGHT
COMES CRASHING DOWN!
DESPERATELY, THE BLACK
HOOD THROWS HIMSELF
OUT OF ITS PATH---

WOW—THAT
WAS CLOSE!

THE CROW RUNS, BUT THE BLACK HOOD IS AFTER
HIM IN A FLASH— —

BOF!

FLY OFF
YOUR PERCH,
CROW!

KNOCKED FROM HIS PERCH, THE CROW FALLS TOWARD THE STAGE "SWAMP"---!



A RENDING CRASH AND-



SPLASH!

IT'S PAGINI!



THE POOR FELLOW'S FOLLY FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH HIM!



A SOMBER SHADOW FLUTTERS IN AND-----



-SINGS A FITTING REQUIEM!

CAW-CAW-CAW-CAW!



MURDER BY PROXY

A BLACK HOOD STORY

by S. GORDON JAMES

OLD Gregory Michaels walked out of the doctor's office, his aged shoulders more stooped than usual, and a hard desperate look in his virulent eyes. Old Gregory was not a kindly man, even at his best. At this moment, he was feeling far from his best. He climbed into the front seat of his waiting car, and started up his motor.

Violently, the car shot forward, gained speed, and soon was careening through the streets at a dangerous speed. A dog was ambling across. Michaels could not possibly have failed to see it, and yet his foot did not ease an inch on the accelerator.

At the last split second, a blue-uniformed figure shot out from seemingly nowhere, and scooped up the small pup a split second before the car could strike.

Quickly, patrolman Kip Burland wheeled to get the license number of the fleeing car. But it was too late. It had already turned a corner, and was out of sight.

"Of all the rotten, inhuman

things I've ever seen," he muttered savagely.

Fortunately, he had seen the old man coming out of the doctor's office, and so decided to pay a call on the doctor, himself.

* * *

Gregory Michaels entered his house, and looked malevolently at the man and woman who awaited him. The woman was his wife, Gloria. Very young, considering her husband's age. And very attractive. The man was John Malcolm, Michaels' attorney. It was the latter who spoke first. "I got your message just a while ago, and hurried over here as fast as I could, Gregory!"

"And as usual, you got here before I did," Michaels sneered. "I hope my devoted wife found your company entertaining . . . as she usually does."

Gloria flushed.

"That's a rotten thing to say," Malcolm retorted hotly. "Yes, I love your wife. And I've never made any secret of it. But she's always been faith-

ful to you. More so than you deserve, you sour old cad. Now just what was it you wanted me for? You know I don't want to be your attorney any longer."

"I told you I wanted my will changed, didn't I? Well, I've changed my mind. Gloria will be my beneficiary after all."

Gloria gasped and Malcolm goggled in amazement. But before either could speak, Michaels turned and walked out of the room. "Well, good night," he yawned. "I'm tired and I'm going to bed."

It was shortly after that, that the grim figure of the Black Hood approached the Michaels mansion. Just then, a horrible shriek pierced the night. It came from a bedroom window, upstairs.

Like a panther, the Hood streaked into the house, and up the steps. He burst into the bedroom, and there, slumped on the floor, by his desk, was the figure of Gregory Michaels. And standing over him were his wife, and

John Malcolm, the attorney. Quickly, the Hood bent down to examine the corpse, saw the glass from which he had apparently been drinking, but which was now on the floor, shattered . . . and also saw a tightly clenched fist. He pried it open, and there was a note which consisted of a single word, an ominous word, scrawled so badly that it was hardly decipherable. It read, 'MURDER'!

"All right, Mrs Michaels," he turned to the cowering woman. "What's your story?"

"I . . . I was downstairs with Mr. Malcolm, my husband's attorney," she stammered. "Then Gregory called me. I came up, and he asked me for a drink. I gave it to him, and left. That's all I know."

"That's the truth," Malcolm started to blurt.

"I know more of the truth than you think, Mr. Malcolm," the Hood retorted grimly. "For instance, I know the murderer of Gregory Michaels."

In a flash, Malcolm leaped forward and crashed through the French windows. But quick as he was, the Black Hood was quicker. He intercepted him before he could hurdle the balcony onto the lawn below. There was a short struggle. Then the Hood pressed a nerve center in back of Malcolm's neck, and he slumped.

ed down, as though paralyzed

"All right. You've got me," he snarled when he was able to speak. "I did it. And I'm glad I did. The world is well rid of that old curmudgeon."

"I agree with you on the last, Mr. Malcolm. But not on the first. You're lying to protect Mrs. Michaels. You think she killed her husband. But I can assure you . . . SHE DID NOT!"

"You mean," John Malcolm gasped.

"You mean—" Gloria echoed.

"That he murdered himself. Or more technically, committed suicide. You see, I had occasion to question a doctor whom Mr. Michaels visited a short while ago. The doctor informed me that he had just given Mr. Michaels a short time to live. A VERY SHORT TIME! Then the doctor noticed a strange thing. A bottle of potassium ferrocyanide was missing . . . the same type of

poison which was in that broken glass. I put two and two together, and decided that this called for a professional visit. Apparently I got here too late to stop him. But soon enough to prevent either of you from incriminating yourselves."

"And I almost played right into his hands," Malcolm groaned.

"Yes," the Hood continued. "Without asking too many personal questions, I can see what your feelings are for Mrs. Michaels." Malcolm withdrew his arm guiltily from about Gloria's shoulders. "No doubt Michaels knew it too. And this was his way of revenging himself. Taking his own life, which he was going to lose anyway, with the hope of taking yours too.

"And he might have gotten away with it," the Hood went on, as though talking to himself, "if he hadn't been mean enough to be indifferent to a dog's life."

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Indirect and negative effects on their peers from the loss of the student, but also, in some cases the methodology of majority students appears to be

Some of the concepts of physics or in any other discipline require the use of the concept of movement in time and space in motion. In physics, the

For the first time, the government openly accepts the existence of a 'parallel' economy, and is prepared to do something about it.

• **What does the author say the audience has to do in order to interpret the text?**

It was not, then, a new situation that he had to face. He had been through it before.

Table 2. *Microbiological analysis of the water samples collected from the different sources of water supply in the study area.*

WATKINS COUNTY, Kansas Prairie City incorporated April 15, 1901

Bentley OF SCOTLAND YARD

ACROSS THE LONELY MOOR OF DEVONSHIRE, FLOATS THE EERIE WAIL OF A HOUND ---- A PHANTOM HOUND. IF THE LEGEND OF DEVONSHIRE CASTLE CONTAINS ANY TRUTH ! FOR AS THE STORY GOES, WHEN THE PHANTOM HOUND BAYS, ONE MEMBER OF THE DEVONSHIRE CLAN IS TO DIE THAT NIGHT !



THIS CAVE IS WHERE THAT BAYING SEEMED TO COME FROM!



ROGER SUDDENLY TURNS --- AND HIS EYES GROW WIDE IN HORROR.

GREAT GOD! IT--- CAN'T BE! STAY BACK! STAY BACK!

NOTHING IN HERE! IT WAS PROBABLY A STRAY WOLF.



I'M SURPRISED AT DAD BELIEVING IN THOSE FAIRY CURSES IN THIS DAY AND AGE!

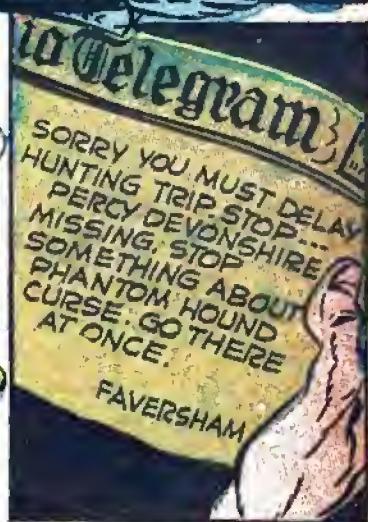


NEXT NIGHT IN ANOTHER PART OF ENGLAND



BENTLEY! TELEGRAM FOR BENTLEY OF SCOTLAND YARD!

HERE SON.



JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I'D HAVE A REAL VACATION FOR A FEW WEEKS! WELL, ORDERS ARE ORDERS.



BENTLEY IS MET AT THE STATION, BY THE HANDY MAN OF DEVONSHIRE CASTLE.



HOP IN SIR! I'LL HAVE YOU THERE IN JIG-TIME.



BENTLEY DONS HIS CLOTHES AND MAKES HIS WAY DOWNSTAIRS.



THAT BAYING---
IT SEEMED TO HAVE
COME FROM HERE!



HMM! A CAVE----
I'LL HAVE A LOOK
AROUND!

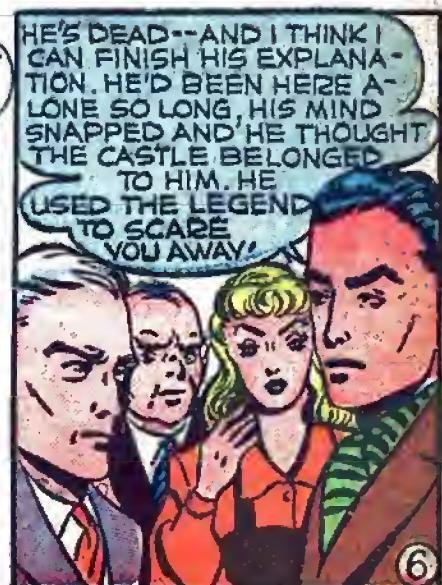




SEN. EY KNOWS THE CULPRIT!-- DO YOU ?

1. LADY AGATHA
2. CHRISTINE
3. SIR REGINALD
4. ROGER, THE CARETAKER
5. SIR CLAUDE

MARK YOUR CHOICE ALONGSIDE OF ONE OF THE NAMES --- NOW TURN THE PAGE FOR THE SOLUTION!



WORLD WONDERS

ARABS

HUNT AND KILL ELEPHANTS BY CREEPING UPON THEM IN THEIR SLEEP TO SLASH OFF THE TRUNK THE BEAST BLEEDS TO DEATH!



IN THEIR ELABORATE BURIAL ANCIENT EGYPTIANS REMOVED THE HEART OF THE MUMMY AND INSERTED IN ITS PLACE A PRECIOUS RUBY OR EMERALD!



THE FIERCELY NAMED DRAGON FLY
NEITHER BITES NOR STINGS.... IT IS A MOST VALUABLE INSECT AND EATS FLIES, AND MOSQUITOES.

GRENDIER GUARDS*

ARE NAMED FOR THE FIRST HAND GRENADE TROOPS - 1792 - GRENADES WERE SO DANGEROUS THAT ONLY THE TALLEST, STRONGEST, BRAVEST, DARED TO HANDLE THEM!



THE BLACK HOOD

MYSTERY

I THE BLACK HOOD,
DO SOLEMNLY
SWEAR THAT
NEITHER THREATS
NOR BRIBES NOR
BULLETS NOR
DEATH ITSELF-
SHALL KEEP ME
FROM FULFILLING
MY SACRED VOW..
TO ERASE CRIME
FROM THE FACE
OF THE EARTH!!





WHILE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

I SEE YOU'VE GOT KIP BACK IN HARNESS, SERGEANT McGINTY

YES, BARBARA. AND HE'LL STAY THERE IF HE KEEPS OUTA TROUBLE, DAGNABBIT!

THE TROUBLE WITH KIP IS HE'S TOO SCIENTIFIC! NOW TAKE ME F'RINSTANCE, I'VE BEEN...

...ON THE FORCE FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, AND YOU'VE ALWAYS CAUGHT CROOKS WITH THE END O' YOUR NIGHTSTICK" UNQUOTE!

WELL, IT'S TRUE!

ANYWAY, I GAVE KIP A BEAT THAT'LL KEEP HIM OUTA TROUBLE!

HELLO! YES! THIS IS McGINTY! WHAT! DAGNABBIT...

THAT WAS BURLAND! SO YOU SOMEBODY WAS STABBED TO DEATH AT 17 KEW PLACE. THAT LET'S GO, MEN!

GAVE KIP A BEAT THAT WOULD KEEP HIM OUT OF TROUBLE EH, SARGE!

HELLO, SARGE! YOU SURE GOT HERE FAST!

WHERE'S THE BODY, KIP?

IN THE NEXT ROOM. BUT DON'T MESS UP ANY FINGERPRINTS!

DON'T BE TELLIN' ME MY BUSINESS! ME, WHO'S BEEN ON THE FORCE FER 25 YEARS!



YEP, HE'S DEAD,
ALL RIGHT. NOW I'LL
ASK SOME QUESTIONS!
WHO ARE YOU, LADY?

I AM MRS.
MARION. THIS
IS MY HOME-
AND THE DEAD
MAN WAS MY
BUTLER

AND I AM KALIMAR,
MYSTIC AND SPIRITU-
ALIST! AT YOUR
SERVICE!

WE JUST RETURN-
ED FROM KALI-
MAR'S PLACE SPIRITU-
WHERE I WAS IN ALISM!
COMMUNION WITH HOOEY!
MY LATE
HUSBAND

I ASSURE YOU MY ART IS NOT
"HOOEY!" AS YOU CALL IT. I
SHOULD BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU
A DEMONSTRATION ANY TIME
YOU
PLEASE!

ANYWAY, SERGEANT,
I GAVE THE EVEN-
ING OFF TO MY
DOMESTICS, WHILE
I ATTENDED THE
SEANCE!

THEN WHAT WAS
YOUR BUTLER
DOING IN THE
HOUSE?

THAT'S OBVIOUS!
HE MUST HAVE
RETURNED UNEX-
PECTEDLY!

I'VE GOT IT! THE BUTLER
KNEW THERE'D BE NO
ONE HERE-SO HE RE-
TURNED TO ROB THE
HOUSE!

AND MURDERED
HIMSELF AFTER
HE'D DONE IT, I
SUPPOSE!

NONE O'
YER SARCASM,
BURLAND!

I'VE GOT THE
FINGERPRINTS
OFF THIS KNIFE
SARGE!

NICE WORK
MOONEY!

WE'LL CHECK
'EM AT HEAD-
QUARTERS!

IN THE FINGERPRINT
DEPARTMENT AT POLICE
HEADQUARTERS...

I'LL HAVE THESE
FINGERPRINTS
PHOTOSTATED IN A
MINUTE, SARGE!

HERE THEY
ARE!

GOOD! NOW WE'LL
CHECK 'EM WITH THE
PRINTS WE GOT IN
OUR FILES!



NOW TO FIND
THE GUY THESE
PRINTS BELONG
TO - IF WE'VE
GOT A RECORD
OF HIM!

WOW! WE GOT
'IM! McGINTY
DOES IT AGAIN!

HERE IT IS,
SARGE!

SNAKES O'
ST. PATRICK!
IT...IT CAN'T
BE!



WEIGHT.....165
HEIGHT.....5' 11"
RACE.....WHITE
HAIR.....BROWN
BORN.....JULY 7
DIED.....1944

NOW ALL YOU'VE
GOT TO DO IS DIG
HIM UP, SARGE
AND YOU'VE
GOT YOUR
MURDERER!

B...BUT
HOW
COULD A
DEAD MAN'S
PRINTS GET
ON THAT
KNIFE?

OUTSIDE...

WHAT DO
YOU MAKE
OF IT KIP?

I'M JUST AS
PUZZLED AS
POOR SARGE,
BAB!



ONE THING THAT NO TWO PEOPLE HAVE ALIKE, IS FINGERPRINTS.. SO HOW COULD ANYBODY ELSE HAVE GLASS EYE'S PRINTS ON THAT KNIFE ?



GLASS EYE... HMM... SAY BABS DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING ABOUT THAT FORTUNE TELLER'S EYES ?

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YES ! ONE OF HIS EYES SEEMED TO BE MADE OF GLASS !



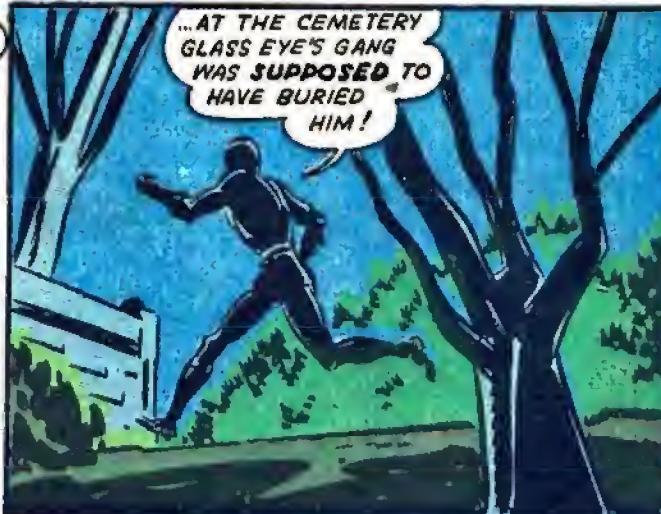
EXACTLY ! THAT MAY OR MAY NOT MEAN ANYTHING - BUT DO SOMETHING FOR ME WILL YOU, BABS ?



I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. YOU WANT ME TO GET A FINGER-PRINT OF KALIMAR, EH?... CONSIDER IT DONE !

AFTER BABS LEAVES...

MEANWHILE THE BLACK HOOD WILL DO SOME INVESTIGATING...



THE HOOD IMMEDIATELY RETURNS TO HIS APARTMENT

HELLO!
HOOD? ANY DEVELOPMENTS?

PLENTY,
BARBARA!

DID YOU GET THOSE FINGER-PRINTS?
YOU BET! RIGHT ON THIS VANITY CASE-SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

HOOD! YOU REALLY THINK KALIMAR AND GLASS-EYE GANNET ARE ONE AND THE SAME PERSON?

KALIMAR'S FINGERPRINTS WILL ANSWER THAT QUESTION

NOW LET'S COMPARE 'EM WITH THE PRINTS OF GLASS-EYE GANNET!

DON'T GO BY ME. I WOULDN'T KNOW WHETHER THEY'RE THE SAME OR NOT!

WELL, I WOULD! THEY ARE! AND KALIMAR, ALIAS GLASS-EYE GANNET IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE A VERY UNWELCOME CLIENT THE BLACK HOOD!

SOMEWHAT LATER, IN KALIMAR'S OFFICE WHERE A CUSTOMER IS BEING ENTERTAINED.

YOU REALLY THINK I CAN SPEAK WITH MY DEAD HUSBAND'S SPIRIT?

HOPE THE MOVING PICTURE SEE MADAM. BUT PROJECTOR IS IN ORDER! REMEMBER! ANSWER GOOD WORKING ANY QUESTION HE ASKS-OR THE SPIRITUAL BOND WILL BE BROKEN!



THEN, THE ROOM DARKENS, AND THE BLACKNESS IMMEDIATELY IS LIGHTED UP BY AN UNEARTHLY GLOW....

IT... IT'S CHARLES, MY HUSBAND!

EMMA! I HAVE NOT MUCH TIME. ANSWER QUICKLY! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THE MONEY I LEFT YOU?

BUT BEFORE EMMA CAN ANSWER, THE ROOM IS ONCE AGAIN PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS...

WH... WHAT HAPPENED, KALIMAR?

NO, KALIMAR! IT'S INTERFERENCE FROM THE BLACK HOOD

WIL... BOPAT!

I KNOW YOU, GANNET IN SPITE OF THAT NICE PLASTIC JOB YOU HAD DONE ON YOUR FACE!

I ALSO KNOW YOUR RACKET - GETTING THE SUCKERS TO TELL WHERE THEY KEEP THEIR VALUABLES - THEN ROBBING THEM! YOU ROBBED MRS. MARION AND KILLED HER BUTLER!

ALL RIGHT, BLAST YOU! YOU'RE ONTO ME, BUT YOU WON'T GET ME!

THAT'S A VERY FAMILIAR REFRAIN, GANNET. BUT YOU'LL BE SINGING A DIFFERENT TUNE...

... BEFORE I'M THROUGH WITH YOU!

NOW I'LL TELL YOU YOUR FORTUNE! IN A SHORT WHILE YOU'RE GOING TO RECEIVE SOME MORE CUSTOMERS- IN BLUE UNIFORMS!

...AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE ASLEEP WHEN THEY GET HERE!

HIVA. McGINTY I WAS EXPECT-
ING YOU!

STOP, HOOD-
OR I'LL SHOOT!

DAGNABIT,
BARBARA!
YOU SPOILED
MY AIM!



THE HECK HE IS! HE'S IN CAHOOTS WITH THIS PHONY FORTUNE TELLER, DAGNABIT! THEY MUSTA HAD A FIGHT ABOUT SPLITTIN' THE SWAG!

NEXT DAY AT HEADQUARTERS...

CONGRATULATIONS, SARGE! I SEE McGINTY DID IT AGAIN!

VEP! AND IT WOULD BEEN A CLEAN JOB IF I'D NABBED THE BLACK HOOD, KIP!

KIP! WHY DON'T YOU GO AFTER THE HOOD! IT'LL MEAN A PRO-MOTION IF YE CATCH HIM!

WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT CATCHING HIM, SARGE! BUT I PROMISE I'LL FOLLOW HIM WHEREVER HE GOES!



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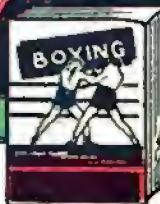
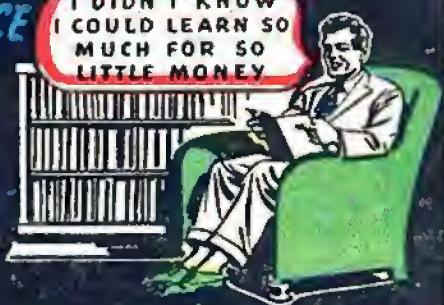
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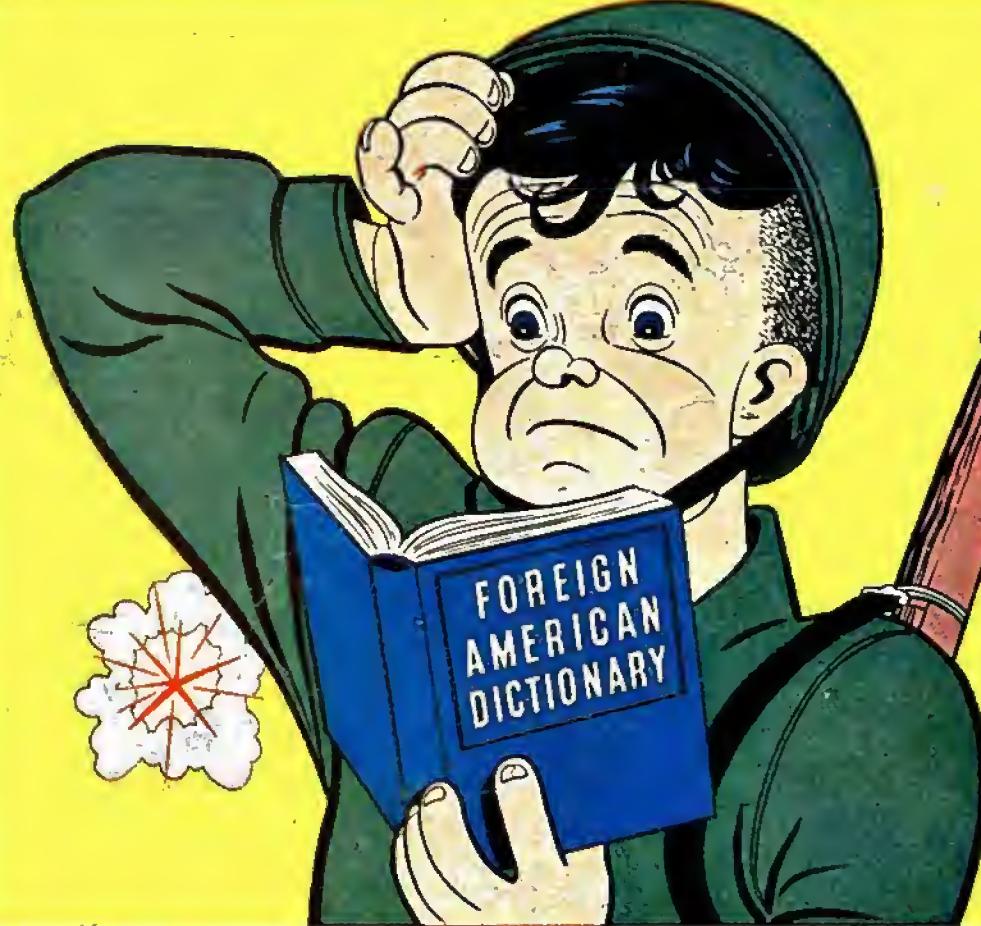
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